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RESOLUTION OF BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RESPECTING
CONDITIONS IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT PROJECT AREA

WHEREAS, the Boston Redevelopment Authority (hereinafter called the "Authority") is a public body corporate and politic duly organized and existing under the provisions of the Housing Authority Law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and having a usual place of business in the City of Boston, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has, with the approval of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Boston and with financial assistance provided under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, by the Housing and Home Finance Agency of the United States of America, and its successor, the Department of Housing and Urban Development of the United States of America, undertaken and conducted surveys, studies and inspections of an area in the City of Boston known as the Central Business District Project Area and described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof (hereinafter called the "Project Area"), in connection with the preparation of an urban renewal plan for the Project Area; and

WHEREAS, with the consent of the State Department of Commerce and Development and the City of Boston acting by its Mayor with the authorization of its City Council, with the approval of said Housing and Home Finance Agency and said successor Department and pursuant to a Temporary Loan Contract under said Title I, the Authority, as provided by law, prior to the completion and approval of the urban renewal plan for the Project Area has conducted so-called "early land acquisition" activities in the Project Area by acquiring parts of the Project Area and conducting relocation activities and demolition and clearance operations therein, all after the Authority had held a public hearing after due and proper notice, had received and heard extensive evidence, data, exhibits, views and opinions and had, in a resolution adopted October 14, 1965, made certain findings and conclusions concerning the buildings and conditions within said Project Area; and

WHEREAS, an urban renewal plan for the Project Area has been prepared; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on said urban renewal plan and project was, after due and proper notice thereof, held on July 27, 1967, at which the Authority received and heard extensive evidence, data, exhibits, views and opinions with respect thereto, and all persons desiring to be heard were so heard; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has considered said evidence, data, exhibits, views, and opinions and said findings and conclusions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Boston Redevelopment Authority, acting under and pursuant to its powers under said Housing Authority Law and any other powers thereunto enabling, does hereby reaffirm the findings and conclusions made in the aforementioned resolution adopted on October 14, 1965;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Authority, acting under and pursuant to its powers as aforesaid, does hereby find and determine as follows:

(1) That the Project Area is a decadent area in that it is an area which is detrimental to safety, health, morals, welfare and sound growth of the Boston community because of the existence of buildings which are out of repair, physically deteriorated, obsolete and in need of major maintenance and repair, and because buildings have been torn down and not replaced and, under existing conditions, it is improbable that the buildings will be replaced, and because of a substantial change in business and economic conditions, and because of inadequate light, air and open space, and because of excessive land coverage, and because diversity of ownership, irregular lot sizes and obsolete street patterns make it improbable that the area will be redeveloped by the ordinary operations of private enterprise; and

(2) That the Project Area is a blighted, deteriorated, and deteriorating area.